



Diocese of
Palmerston North

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Parihā o te mātou Wahine o Ruata

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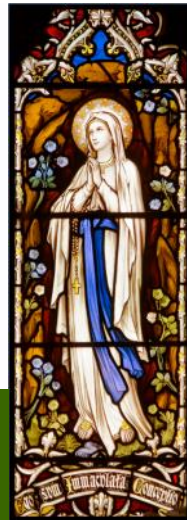
LOL MASSES
5:30pm Vigil (Sat)
8:00am & 10:00am
Mon—Sat 10:00am
RECONCILIATION
Sat 10:30am—11:00am or on request

EUCCHARIST ADORATION
Fri: 10:30am—Noon & 7:00pm—9:00pm

RONGOTE A MASSES
9:30am: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Thurs: 7:00pm

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - MISSION SUNDAY

22nd October 2017; Year A / Weekdays Year 1



Psalm Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY MASS SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER 10:00AM

If your child is interested in being involved please contact Lorraine Wilson 021 222 7802. Practice will be Sat 28th Oct 3:00pm-4:30pm.

Parishioners are asked to please bring a plate of food for a shared morning tea after Mass.

LOL GUILD Meeting Wednesday, November 1st, 1:30pm. Make a Christmas Cracker gift holder. Bring 2 equal sized tins.. e.g. medium peach tin etc. 2 sheets of wrapping paper. If you need more info call June on 3547686. Usual flower comp. Bring along your oldest Christmas Tree Decoration.

PLANNED GIFTING Most of the weekly envelopes packs have been collected....thank you. The packs of Special Collection envelopes, for parishioners who use internet banking or automatic payments, are also awaiting collection. The new PG year has begun; the first special collection will be Mission Sunday 22nd October. *Your generosity for all collections is greatly appreciated.*

LOL COFFEE/PLAY GROUP: Tues 9:00am-11:30am, church foyer. Ph Megan 355 1877.

LOL PRAYER CHAIN: Ph Eileen O'Connor 329 1801/021 671 755 or the Parish Office.

MARIAN EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY
Kerala Catholic Prayer Community prayer meeting, every Monday 4:15pm-7:00pm LOL.

NZ INTERNET SECURITY EXPERT John Parsons, to visit PN 24th-27th Oct 2017.

FREE Seminars on Cyber Safety for child, youth and senior citizens. Full details and times are on the notice board in the foyer. These seminars are highly recommended.



HOLY CROSS SEMINARY
www.holycross.org.nz

ON SALE in the foyer today
NZ Catholic \$4; Tui Motu \$7;
2018 Columban Calendar \$12;
SVDP Christmas Cards \$2.50 per pack of 5.

AGLOW - Thurs 26th Oct, Bridge Club Rooms, cnr Cook & Cuba Sts. 9:30am morning tea. 10:00am programme. Ph Jennifer 027 319 8434.



RCIA classes have commenced and will be held at LOL on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm-9:00pm. If you feel you can help out with these classes, either through supporting our catechumens and candidates, or helping with the catechetical programme, Ph Kate at the office, 358 3667, or Cushla 355 2117. Thank you.

RED CROSS REFUGEE SUPPORT We are looking for people like you to help refugee families arriving on 8th Dec 2017 build new lives in our community. Volunteers provide practical support to help them start again in their new home. **Volunteer training courses start: 2nd Nov 2017. Please contact NZ Red Cross: (06) 356-8152. Join our team and make a difference as a refugee support volunteer.**

MOKOS YOUTH GROUP Our whanau youth group is open to everyone and we would love to welcome new members. We meet next on Thursday 26 October and then 9 November, 7pm-9pm in the Diocesan centre (behind the Cathedral). We gather, eat, try out some games, learn a bit, and pray. Join us! Contact Lucy lingle@pndiocese.org.nz 021 509 439 for more information

YOUNG CATHOLIC LEADERS PROGRAMME 2017 Dec 11-15 This programme is for year 12 students going into year 13 who wish to develop their leadership skills from a Catholic values base. If you are an interested student at a Non-Catholic College, or know someone in this situation who might benefit, please contact Kathleen kfield@pndiocese.org.nz; 021 509 436 for more information.

AOTEAROA CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL; KANOHI KI TE KANOHI Dec 1-4 The Youth Team is taking several vans of 15+ young people to this festival in Auckland, which concludes with a Matt Maher concert. Matt is currently one of the most internationally well-known Catholic Worship composer/singers. Total cost - \$175. Contact Tausilia 027 514 9009

TE AHI KAA – THE HEARTH-PLACE If you are interested in growing your faith through prayer, service, hospitality, formation, and fun, find out

more about our Youth Adult Community House. Situated close to the Cathedral and to town, Te Ahi Kaa is perfect base for a year of discernment and mission, in a supportive Catholic community. For More Information contact Georgia 022 670 4422; georgia.m.collins@hotmail.com

MISSION SUNDAY

Mission Sunday reminds us that God says to each of us: "up and leave your place". Leave all that can lock us down in mediocrity – for some that is routines, for others tired agendas and pet hobby horses, and for others again perhaps it's overdoses of Facebook and Instagram etc. Set free of traps, we can bring the beauty and kindness of faith somewhere else, somewhere new, which may be just round the corner.

Faith transforms every possible human situation. Mission Sunday prompts us therefore to step back and marvel at the breadth and depth of our Christian faith. Let's relish the good at work in our communities (think of the St Vincent de Paul Society, this weekend celebrating 150 years of humble practical service in Aotearoa), let's take courage from the lives of our saints, sung and unsung, and let's grow in appreciation of our faith for which others have even died.

In many countries simply being a Catholic, or applying one's Christian faith to daily life, is dangerous. Our collection next week helps the Church in such places by supporting education and healthcare, pastoral programmes and family development projects, the protection of democracy etc. which are all fruits of Jesus' Good News of mercy, compassion, justice, peace, reverence and eternal life. Mission Sunday is for us all. Our prayers and offerings show that in Christ we are all brothers and sisters of our worldwide human family.

Bishop's Office

We Pray for the Sick: Michael Eades, Vinnie Carroll, Oleg Bogdanovas, Evie Feierabend, Thelma Basile, Kerrin McManus, Vanessa Farrelly, Joan Lambourne, Graeme Younger, Mary Jefferies, Kevin Patterson, Ian Sutherland, Ann Fairclough, Mikulas Oros, Louis Heynen, Braxton Prentice, Katherine Denby, Anne & Bill Bethune, Toshi Sekizaki, Marie Hubbard, Oliver Gillespie, Guiseppina Dujany, Trevor Wilson and Paul Hughes.

Died Recently
Christine Hone (Chrissy)

Anniversaries
Bob Bowe

Requiescant in Pace

Message of Pope Francis for World Missionary Day 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again this year, World Mission Day gathers us around the person of Jesus, "the very first and greatest evangelizer" (Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 7), who continually sends us forth to proclaim the Gospel of the love of God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. This Day invites us to reflect anew on the mission at the heart of the Christian faith. The Church is missionary by nature; otherwise, she would no longer be the Church of Christ, but one group among many others that soon end up serving their purpose and passing away. So it is important to ask ourselves certain questions about our Christian identity and our responsibility as believers in a world marked by confusion, disappointment and frustration, and torn by numerous fratricidal wars that unjustly target the innocent. What is the basis of our mission? What is the heart of our mission? What are the essential approaches we need to take in carrying out our mission?

Mission and the transformative power of the Gospel of Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life

1. The Church's mission, directed to all men and women of good will, is based on the transformative power of the Gospel. The Gospel is Good News filled with contagious joy, for it contains and offers new life: the life of the Risen Christ who, by bestowing his life-giving Spirit, becomes for us the Way, the Truth and the Life (cf. Jn 14:6). He is the Way who invites us to follow him with confidence and courage. In following Jesus as our Way, we experience Truth and receive his Life, which is fullness of communion with God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. That life sets us free from every kind of selfishness, and is a source of creativity in love.

2. God the Father desires this existential transformation of his sons and daughters, a transformation that finds expression in worship in spirit and truth (cf. Jn 4:23-24), through a life guided by the Holy Spirit in imitation of Jesus the Son to the glory of God the Father. "The glory of God is the living man" (IRENAEUS, *Adversus Haereses* IV, 20, 7). The preaching of the Gospel thus becomes a vital and effective word that accomplishes what it proclaims (cf. Is 55:10-11): Jesus Christ, who constantly takes flesh in every human situation (cf. Jn 1:14).

Mission and the kairos of Christ

3. The Church's mission, then, is not to spread a religious ideology, much less to propose a lofty ethical teaching. Many movements throughout the world inspire high ideals or ways to live a meaningful life. Through the mission of the Church, Jesus Christ himself continues to evangelize and act; her mission thus makes present in history the kairos, the favourable time of salvation. Through the proclamation of the Gospel, the risen Jesus becomes our contemporary, so that those who

welcome him with faith and love can experience the transforming power of his Spirit, who makes humanity and creation fruitful, even as the rain does with the earth. "His resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 276).

4. Let us never forget that "being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a Person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction" (BENEDICT XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, 1). The Gospel is a Person who continually offers himself and constantly invites those who receive him with humble and religious faith to share his life by an effective participation in the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection. Through Baptism, the Gospel becomes a source of new life, freed of the dominion of sin, enlightened and transformed by the Holy Spirit. Through Confirmation, it becomes a fortifying anointing that, through the same Spirit, points out new ways and strategies for witness and accompaniment. Through the Eucharist, it becomes food for new life, a "medicine of immortality" (IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, *Ad Ephesios*, 20, 2).

5. The world vitally needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the Church, Christ continues his mission as the Good Samaritan, caring for the bleeding wounds of humanity, and as Good Shepherd, constantly seeking out those who wander along winding paths that lead nowhere. Thank God, many significant experiences continue to testify to the transformative power of the Gospel. I think of the gesture of the Dinka student who, at the cost of his own life, protected a student from the enemy Nuer tribe who was about to be killed. I think of that Eucharistic celebration in Kitgum, in northern Uganda, where, after brutal massacres by a rebel group, a missionary made the people repeat the words of Jesus on the cross: "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?" as an expression of the desperate cry of the brothers and sisters of the crucified Lord. For the people, that celebration was an immense source of consolation and courage. We can think too of countless testimonies to how the Gospel helps to overcome narrowness, conflict, racism, tribalism, and to promote everywhere, and among all, reconciliation, fraternity, and sharing.

Mission inspires a spirituality of constant exodus, pilgrimage, and exile

6. The Church's mission is enlivened by a spirituality of constant exodus. We are challenged "to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the peripheries in need of the light of the Gospel" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 20). The Church's mission impels us to undertake a constant pilgrimage across the various deserts of life, through the different experiences of hunger and thirst for truth and justice. The Church's mission inspires a sense of constant exile, to make us aware, in our thirst for the infinite, that we are exiles journeying towards our final home, poised between the "already" and "not yet" of the Kingdom of Heaven.

7. Mission reminds the Church that she is not an end unto herself, but a humble instrument and mediation of the Kingdom. A self-referential Church, one content with earthly success, is not the Church of Christ, his crucified and glorious Body. That is why we should prefer "a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security" (*ibid.*, 49).

Young people, the hope of mission

8. Young people are the hope of mission. The person of Jesus Christ and the Good News he proclaimed continue to attract many young people. They seek ways to put themselves with courage and enthusiasm at the service of humanity. "There are many young people who offer their solidarity in the face of the evils of the world and engage in various forms of militancy and volunteering... How beautiful it is to see that young people are 'street preachers', joyfully bringing Jesus to every street, every town square and every corner of the earth!" (*ibid.*, 106). The next Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, to be held in 2018 on the theme Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment, represents a providential opportunity to involve young people in the shared missionary responsibility that needs their rich imagination and creativity.

The service of the Pontifical Mission Societies

9. The Pontifical Mission Societies are a precious means of awakening in every Christian community a desire to reach beyond its own confines and security in order to proclaim the Gospel to all. In them, thanks to a profound missionary spirituality, nurtured daily, and a constant commitment to raising missionary awareness and enthusiasm, young people, adults, families, priests, bishops and men and women religious work to develop a missionary heart in everyone. World Mission Day, promoted by the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, is a good opportunity for enabling the missionary heart of Christian communities to join in prayer, testimony of life and communion of goods, in responding to the vast and pressing needs of evangelization.

Carrying out our mission with Mary, Mother of Evangelization

10. Dear brothers and sisters, in carrying out our mission, let us draw inspiration from Mary, Mother of Evangelization. Moved by the Spirit, she welcomed the Word of life in the depths of her humble faith. May the Virgin Mother help us to say our own "yes", conscious of the urgent need to make the Good News of Jesus resound in our time. May she obtain for us renewed zeal in bringing to everyone the Good News of the life that is victorious over death. May she intercede for us so that we can acquire the holy audacity needed to discover new ways to bring the gift of salvation to every man and woman.

From the Vatican, 4 June 2017
Solemnity of Pentecost

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NEXT WEEK

Readings Oct 29th: Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40.

ROSTERS: October

Church Cleaning: (Oct 23rd) Patria Kerr and Freda Reggers.

Counting: (24th) Lorraine Marriott and Jane Charlton.

Flowers: (28th) Mary O'Connor.

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Colleen Hughes and Denise Bailey

8am Raymond and Julie Jones **10am** Katelyn, Alesha and Teresa Alexander.

Readers: Vigil 5:30pm Roselle Gouwland & Fina Ta'ala **8am** Maree O'Donoghue & Maurice McDonald **10am** Emma Mildenhall, Holly Pedley, Jordan Brown

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Vigil 5:30pm Cecily Finucane,

Dennis Jones, Judith Wall, Prue Smith, Pat Curran **8am** Colin Keegan,

Clare Cole, Judy Nixon **10am** Jacinta Cousins, Brendon O'Connor,

Denis & Margaret Beckett, Tino Pakome.

Altar Servers: 10am Kiwa and Kahu Pomare.

Children's Liturgy: No Children's Liturgy.

Hospitality: 10am Agnieszka Keenan, Belinda Gallagher, shared morning tea.

Religious Goods/Library: Anne O'Hara.

Linen: (Oct) Mary O'Connor.

Lawns: (Oct 28th) Denise Mallon.